



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 2672

In re Application of:

YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA et al.

Application No.: 09/111,731

Filed: July 8, 1998

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
METHOD AND RECORDING
MEDIUM THEREFOR

Docket No.

03500.012836.

Examiner: J. Brier

Group Art Unit: 2672

Date: April 15, 2004

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final Rejection in the above-identified application.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | * 9 | MINUS | ** 20 | = 0 | x \$9 \$18 | 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | * 3 | MINUS | *** 3 | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | 0 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT--- | | | | | | -0- |

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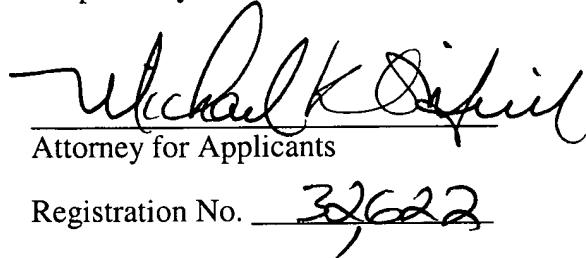
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows: